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SUBJECT 1. Ship Activity in Novorossiysk

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 pieces of consumer goods,
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the following described reports

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Att. No. 2: A [redacted] report which describes minor naval activity in Novorossiysk. A large floating drydock was observed between the East Quay

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Att. No. 3: A [redacted] sketches of naval and harbor activity in Novorossiysk [redacted] observed a large floating drydock, towed by a motor ship and escorted by an armed tug off Tenedos Island. The floating dock was loaded with craft [redacted] described as large barges or landing craft. 50X1-HUM There was considerable commercial activity in Novorossiysk involving vessels of several flags. Soviet naval vessels included 12 MTB [redacted] five minelayers, [redacted] one patrol boat [redacted] new construction at the port,

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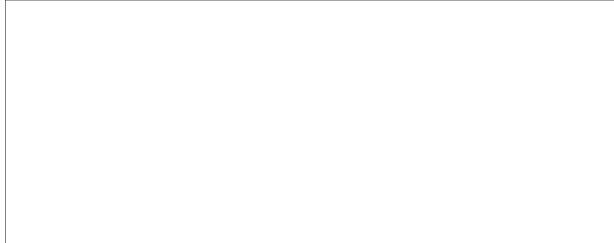
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including the construction of two large floating cranes,
excavation work for laying nine-inch oil loading pipes, construction
of a new mole.

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Att. No. 4:

shipping activity at Novorossiysk



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SUBJECT Naval Vessels and Activity in and outside Novorossiysk Harbor; Harbor Facilities

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one mile off Eastern Mole

naval vessels were seen navigating in straight line formation on a south-southwesterly course. The ship [redacted] appeared to be the pilot vessel and sailed away from Novorossiysk Gulf with a speed of 10 mph disappearing from sight after rounding Doob Cape. [redacted] the same ships were seen coming from the shore opposite Doob Cape. Another vessel [redacted] had joined the fleet.

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2.

These vessels were 50-55 meters in length and carried red and white minesweeping equipment on their port and starboard sides. Two gray mine-shaped objects were located between the two pieces of mine-sweeping equipment. Some of the vessels had twin gun turrets, others only single gun turrets, mounted behind shields. Double-barreled machine guns were located on the port and starboard sides of the conning towers. Another double-barreled machine gun was located beyond the smokestack. A sieve-type radar was mounted on the top of the main mast. The masts were tripod-shaped; the smokestack was located aft of the mast. The deck from the bow to the conning tower was level, then dropped one step, and continued level to the stern.

3.

at the Naval Base Wharf

[redacted] vessels [redacted] were anchored stern-to at the western end of the Naval Base Wharf. The vessels were 30-35 meters long and had one gun mounted on the bow and two guns of smaller caliber mounted on their port and starboard sides. Each ship had a pole-like mast and a smokestack. Two of these ships sailed away every evening and returned in the morning.

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4.

[redacted] a large floating drydock was berthed along Eastern Quay. A cargo vessel was moored at the dock.

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Vessels Encountered

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[redacted], in the vicinity of Tenedos
Island [redacted] observed a large floating dock being towed by a motor ship
of about 5,000 tons, escorted astern by a heavy armed tug, sailing south.
All three were flying the Soviet flag (red field with hammer and sickle
in upper hoist corner). The floating dock carried harbor crafts, [redacted]

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[redacted] described as large barges or landing crafts.

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Port of NOVOROSSIYSK

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2 - Naval and merchant vessels in port

observed:

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[redacted] freighter [redacted] loaded with unspecified cargo;

Two Soviet tankers of about 15,000 tons [redacted]

[redacted] going into port to load;

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Soviet freighter Tyna (TULA) leaving port empty [redacted]

[redacted] toward the southeast

[redacted] motor tanker [redacted] radar-equipped, arrived at the
roadstead empty [redacted]

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[redacted] noted the following vessels (refer to attached Sketch No 1) near
the naval basin:

[redacted] tanker [redacted] which left [redacted] loaded for 50X1-HUM

KIEVEL [unidentified]

Soviet motor tanker which arrived [redacted] to load
petroleum (draft 31 feet, equipped with radar)

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Soviet freighter Chapayev (ODESSA) arrived [redacted] loaded
lumber and left [redacted] same day.

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Soviet ship Chuguev arrived [redacted]
large bales [redacted]

It unloaded some

Soviet motor tanker Ivanovo, draft 30 feet, radar-equipped, arrived [redacted]

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[redacted] and left loaded [redacted] the following day.

Five Soviet freighters equipped with radar arrived in port [redacted]

they

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berthed at the last pier, close to the eastern mole.

Two other vessels arrived in succession,

[redacted], of about 18,000 tons each.

[redacted] Both were empty, and [redacted]

they came to

load coal.

[redacted] noted considerable commercial traffic in the port.

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3 - Port, naval area, military defenses and installations, commercial and industrial area, etc.

a - Component naval port

At the component naval port [redacted] noted:

12 motor torpedo boats, all identical,

5 minelayers (see attached Sketch No 3).

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3 ships half-hidden from view by another Soviet vessel painted light gray. [redacted] (see Sketch No 3).

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A Soviet naval vessel,

(see Sketch No 3).

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[redacted] noted in port many small naval harbor craft armed with light machine guns, and a small floating dock for motor torpedo boats and minelayers.

[redacted] noted in the bay four powerful searchlights which take turns during the night at sweeping the coast (see attached Sketch No 2). The bay is closely guarded day and night by fast motor boats armed with machine guns.

b - Component commercial port

On the second pier, counting from the western mole (see attached Sketch No 1), in front of the railroad yard [redacted] noted some huge lumber stacks and about 39 railroad tank cars. At the head of the pier is an old tanker, more than 130 meters long, resting on the bottom and serving as an extension of the pier. The old tanker is equipped with twin 9-inch hoses for loading petroleum. All existing equipment (pumps, hoses, and accessories) is left over from World War II, hence old and inadequate for fast loading.

[redacted]
Excavation work is being done along the pier to install 9-inch pipes.

Pier No 1, counting from the western breakwater (see attached Sketch No 1). Under construction: at present there are two large floating cranes working here, one a single-jib and the other a double-jib crane; very few workmen observed; the work is going very slowly.

Pier No 2. Used for loading petroleum, located in front of the railroad yard, and obstructed by large lumber stacks as already stated.

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Pier No 3. Free of harbor craft; at the center is located a long and low building.

Pier No 4. Construction work is under way there at present with two floating cranes of single- and double-jib, respectively. Between the second and third piers, the area is being filled to build a new mole.

Pier No 5. It is equipped with eight cranes, two double-jib and the rest single-jib cranes; at the center of the pier [redacted] noted high piles of coal deposited in the open [redacted] also noted other piles of yellowish-colored material. Two vessels were berthed there [redacted]

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Pier No 6. It is equipped with two single-jib cranes. Three freighters were berthed there for commercial operations, [redacted]

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Further out from the foregoing pier, [redacted] noted a medium-sized floating dock with the marking TISHE KHOD - LOW SPEED. The dock contained a freighter of about 8,000 tons [redacted].

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All the cranes observed in port were of trellis type.

4 - Miscellaneous information

[redacted] noted many soldiers and sailors in town, as well as in the open-air dancing places reserved for military personnel.

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Dark gray color.

75-mm gun

Radar

Machine guns

Sketch No. 3

Depth Charges

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Soviet flag, red w/ hammer & sickle (in upper hoist corner)

RADAR

half of it

saw only

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Machine gun

Radar

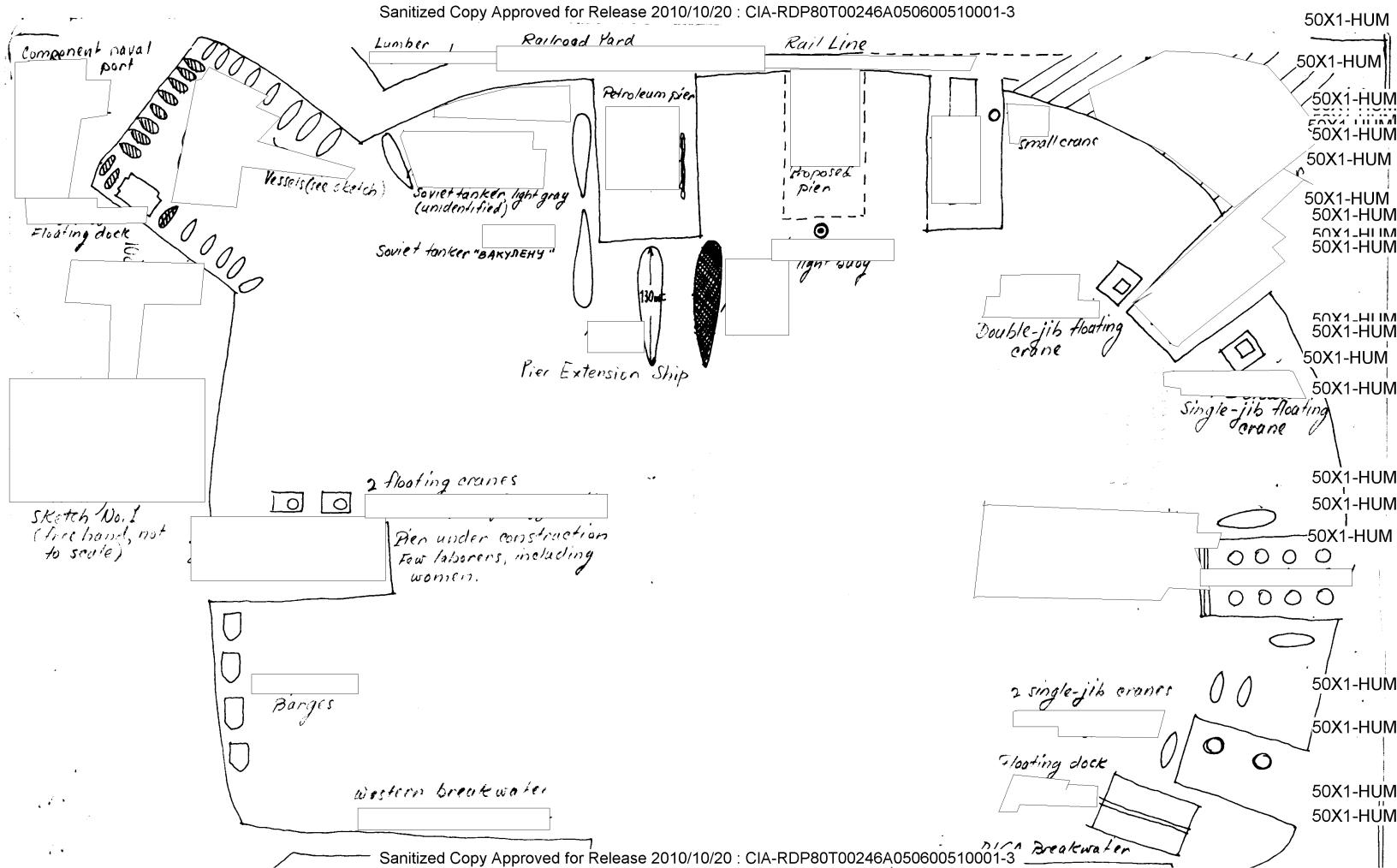
Cylinders machine gun

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1. a naval vessel was observed
in the harbor at Novorossisk.

Description: The length was about

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200 feet, there were two guns in shields on the fore deck, one smokestack,
two guns in shields on the after deck.

three smaller naval vessels were also observed
in the harbor. Divers were going down from these vessels

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Description: One of the vessels was
approximately 100 feet long, and the two others were about sixty feet long.
All of the vessels had a large skylight on the after deck, and square sterns.
Two divers from each vessel worked simultaneously. The hoses and cables from
the boats to the divers emerged from the skylights. From the hold under the
skylights could be heard engines, once in a while, evidently from the air-com-
pressors. The vessels and the diving equipment appeared to be very modern.
The vessels were very well kept.

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